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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Nasser And UN

PRESIDENT Nasser has recovered all the bounce and arrogance of a dictator who finds himself fortuitously rescued from a disastrous personal position, and he has lost no time in capitalising on the "victory" over Britain, France and Israel awarded him by the United Nations General Assembly.

Following on his calculated procrastination in agreeing to the UN plan for clearing the Suez Canal—a plan he had accepted in principle on condition that Anglo-French troops be withdrawn immediately from Port Said—which was done—he is now credited with the impudent assertion that he will not permit British and French ships to use the canal when it is reopened unless and until the Gaza strip has been returned to Egypt.

With studied moderation Whitehall protests that such an action would be a violation of the 1888 Convention, it would, in fact, be much more than that. It would be nothing less than a dictator imposing his political will on the United Nations.

LAST year the UN, by an impressive majority vote, approved six principles to serve as the basis for a permanent settlement of the canal problem, amongst them being recognition and acceptance of the requirement that the waterway should be open to all of the world's shipping, without exception and without any political strings attached. If therefore Nasser is seriously contemplating applying discriminatory treatment against British and French shipping he is openly flaunting the UN—the organisation which has rescued him from political obliteration. Internationalising of the canal under an entirely new agreement is imperative and it is a task which can no longer be left to a few interested parties. The UN has been entrusted with the job of keeping Israel and Egypt militarily apart and of clearing the canal. It must also assume the responsibility of establishing the international status of the waterway.

President Nasser has neither the inclination nor the intention of negotiating an agreement with the major users of the canal. That he made perfectly clear when he refused months ago to act in any way on the recommendations of the United Nations. His obstinacy, however, cannot be allowed to prevail.

MR Dag Hammarskjöld and his expert assistants who are now in Egypt have leaned over backwards to assuage Nasser's outraged feelings over the Anglo-French adventure; the malevolent contributions which he made to the developing crisis in the Middle East have been forgotten or ignored; there were, therefore, only three villains in the piece.

But Nasser, apparently, has no more respect for the United Nations and the authority which is supposed to be invested in its decisions, than he has for treaty obligations. His "conditions" for the use of the reopened canal by British and French ships are an affront to the world organisation which has already laid down in unmistakable terms that guaranteed unrestricted use of the waterway by all shipping is an essential prerequisite of any agreement governing the future status of the canal.

The return or otherwise of the Gaza strip to Egypt cannot be made a bargaining issue for any settlement of the canal problem. The two subjects are distinct and must remain so. And it is for the UN to make this clear beyond any doubt or argument to President Nasser and the people of Egypt.

ALL BECAUSE OF THE PETROL SHORTAGE

THE BOAT RACE MAY BE CANCELLED

The annual boat race between Oxford and Cambridge may be called off this year because of petrol rationing, it was reported tonight.

The Oxford crew disclosed today that they have been refused petrol for their training launch, which they say is indispensable for the last few weeks of preparation for the race to be held on March 30.

As the launch does only about five miles to the gallon, the Ministry of Fuel and Power is unlikely to reverse its decision and grant special concessions. —France-Press.

AND

WARNING ON FOOD CUTS

Talk Of New Price Rise

Warnings that many British food firms will have to cut production unless fuel supplies are increased and that oil companies may ask the Government to approve a further rise in petrol prices were issued today.

A spokesman for the food manufacturing industry said it was becoming "extremely difficult" to keep up deliveries of food because of the petrol shortage.

"In no case is the ration any where near the 75 per cent that the Ministry says we should have," it said.

Two major oil companies said today they might have to ask for a further increase in petrol prices.

Priscilla is a professional fire-eater. But to qualify for petrol during the Suez rationing, she had to adapt herself to the nearest official classification.

That's why she is now, officially, a "stationary plant." In return the government allows her half a pint of gasoline per appearance.

"I can use light fuel for some acts," she explained, "but for others it is too volatile, and kerosene is not volatile enough." —United Press.

petrol prices, despite a retail rise of five pence a gallon last month.

Petrol is now in the peak price range of 5/6 to 6/5 a gallon.

A spokesman for the oil company said: "costs are rising the whole time because of the long haul round the Cape, high tanker rates and the running of equipment at three-quarters capacity."

Commercial travellers today attacked petrol rationing as "hitting the commercial traveller most unfairly" and describing the allowance of pleasure motoring as "indefensible."

Slumping sales in the motor industry because of the petrol shortage may mean more dismissals of car workers. A warning was given today that another 2,000 Ford workers may have to be laid off, following 1,000 who were given notice last Friday.—Reuter.

'NASSER GOES BACK ON HIS PROMISE'

Britain said tonight any Egyptian ban on British and French ships wanting to use the Suez Canal would be a "repudiation of assurances" recently given by Egypt.

A Foreign Office statement said it would also be a breach of the 1888 Suez Canal convention, which laid down free passage through the waterway.

The statement was issued following last night's Cairo Radio broadcast that President Nasser would refuse passage through the Canal to

BRITISH CHARGE

British and French vessels "so long as Israel does not withdraw from the Gaza strip."

The accuracy of the report had not been confirmed, but it correct "it raises issues of the greatest importance," the statement said. It disclosed an intention to "discriminate against Great Britain and France on political grounds."

The British statement referred to assurances understood to have been received by the United Nations Secretary-

General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld from Egypt before the evacuation of British and French troops from Suez.

These assurances were that there would be no Egyptian interference with British and French shipping in the Canal in violation of the undertakings under the 1888 convention.

The council of the 15-nation Suez Canal Users' Association meets here on Thursday to discuss recent events affecting the waterway.

Diplomatic sources said last night's Cairo Radio broadcast was likely to be considered by the council, which will be at ambassadorial level.

Informed sources said today that the British Government had received a letter from Mr Hammarskjöld asking for contributions to meet the initial cost of clearing the Canal.

So far Britain has not replied, but it was pointed out here that Britain has made a considerable contribution in kind to the operation with British salvage ships.—Reuter.

CONGRESS MAY MAKE CHANGES

Washington, Jan. 7. The Senate Republican leader, Mr William Knowland, told President Eisenhower today the Democratic-controlled Congress probably would make some changes in his new Middle East proposals.

The California Senator delivered the report to the White House as the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, warned that the failure of Congress to endorse the proposal would mean writing off the oil-rich Middle East to the Communists.

Mr Dulles told the House Foreign Affairs Committee that prolonged Congressional delays—or even a sharp split over the programme—would be "quite disastrous" for American and free-world interests in the Middle East.

Time Limit

After conferring with Mr Eisenhower, Senator Knowland told a news conference there was "considerable sentiment" in Congress for some time limit on the proposed Presidential authority to commit US troops to the area.

Senator Knowland, who declined to disclose President Eisenhower's reaction, said the limit might be given in terms of years.

Another possibility, he said, would be to give Congress authority to decide when the authority on longer would be needed.

The Republican leader said there also was a possibility that Congress might divorce the economic aid features of the programme from the "fight if we must" authority.—United Press.

Visiting Again

Stockholm, Jan. 7. The Moscow Correspondent of the Swedish Communist Daily, Ny Dag today quoted Mr Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Communist Party Chief, as saying that he and the Soviet Premier, Marshal Bulganin, would like to pay an official visit to Scandinavia.—Reuter.



Knowland Leaving Senate

Washington, Jan. 7. REPUBLICAN Leader, Mr William F. Knowland of California announced today he would not be a candidate for re-election to the Senate in 1958.

Mr Knowland told a news conference he wanted to spend more time with his family, and that was his principal reason for not seeking reelection.

GOVERNOR NEXT?

He declined to answer a question as to whether he might become a candidate for Governor of California in 1958.

He would not comment on whether he would give up his reported ambition to become the Republican Presidential candidate in 1960.—Reuter.

BRITISH IN DANGER?

Djakarta, Jan. 7. American Embassy officials said today they feared that American, Dutch and British citizens living on lonely estates in North Sumatra might become "terrorist targets."

Embassy officials said they had received reports that Communist workers on the estates had been armed, but an Army spokesman denied this report.

There were known to be 100 Americans, 50 British, 50 Australians and about 5,000 Dutchmen working on rubber and tobacco estates in Northern Sumatra.—United Press.

'RAF ATTACKING YEMEN TOWNS'

But Colonial Office Says 'No'

The Red Sea Kingdom of Yemen today claimed that British planes and tanks were attacking its towns, and Cairo radio said that a British jet had been shot down near Bada, near the Aden border.

Yemen would raise the matter before the United Nations, it was stated.

The Colonial Office said RAF planes had been in action in the Aden protectorate "against intruders from Yemen" but declared "they have not been in action in Yemen."

ARABS CONDEMN

Cairo radio said the Arab League political committee issued a resolution "condemning the aggression and supporting the Yemeni people in their struggle for the preservation of their existence and sovereignty."

The Yemeni legation in Bonn issued a communique saying "British planes have continued to attack Yemeni towns with heavy incendiary and high explosive bombs."

"Several Yemeni government positions and customs posts have been blown up. Up to the hour in which the news is being written, British tanks are still attacking Yemeni towns."

UNFOUNDED

A Foreign Office official in London said the Yemeni allegations "appear to be the last of a series which have recently been made and which on investigation have proved to be unfounded."

"In many instances they have referred to localities which are well within British territory."

Britain and Yemen have recently accused each other of raids along the vaguely defined border, Reuter adds.

Yemen has territorial claims against Aden protectorate which forms the southern tip of Arabia.

SKIRMISHES

Spontaneous skirmishes were reported this week on the borders of Bethan, a protectorate state 150 miles northwest of Aden, where raiders from Yemen made an attack on January 1 and 2.

Yemen, an area of 75,000 square miles with a population of 4,500,000, is a member of the Arab League and of the United Nations.—Reuter.

'Go Slow' Again In Budapest

Budapest, Jan. 7. Workers at Central Budapest factories were reported today to have started "go slow" tactics to show disapproval of yesterday's Government declaration on Communist rule in Hungary.

But there were no reports of incidents at the factories, which included the city's leading radio works.

Many Hungarians openly voiced their disappointment today over the uncompromising tone and content of the long-awaited statement which asked non-Communists to join the Government under the leadership of the Soviet-backed ruling Socialist Workers (Communist) party.

Western observers said the Soviet puppet, Mr János Kádár, was likely to meet serious difficulties in persuading non-Communist politicians to co-operate with the government.

Purge Of MPs

The government-controlled press hinted tonight that the pro-Russian regime plans to purge the Hungarian Parliament.

The purge pronouncement was published in the afternoon newspaper, Esti Hír.

It said lists were being drawn up of Parliament members who fled the country to seek political asylum.

"A committee will present a motion in Parliament regarding those members who according to the motion are to be deprived of their seats," it said.—United Press.

Woman's Release Demanded

Washington, Jan. 7. The State Department announced today it had called on Hungary to release immediately a United States woman photographer who disappeared last month and who it said was being held in a Hungarian prison.

The photographer, Mrs Dilke Meyer Shatella, disappeared on the night of December 5-6 reportedly on the Hungarian side of the Austro-Hungarian border.

A state department spokesman said that a Hungarian Embassy official told an American official he would look into the matter and see what he could do about it.—Reuter.

The King And Ike To Meet

Washington, Jan. 7. King of Saudi Arabia will visit President Eisenhower later this month for discussion of Middle East problems, the White House announced today.



King Saud would be the guest of the US Government from Jan. 30 to Feb. 1.

Mr Eisenhower and the King presumably would discuss the US Administration's proposed new programme for the Middle East.

The King's forthcoming visit would be the first time of a reigning monarch of Saudi Arabia had visited the United States.—Reuter.

'No Foreigners'

Amman, Jan. 7. King Hussein told the U.S. Ambassador to Jordan today that the Arab States would themselves fill any vacuum in the Middle East and would not allow any foreign state to do so, according to palace sources.

He was giving his first comment on President Eisenhower's Middle East statement at an audience given to the Ambassador, Mr Lester Mallory, at noon.

The King said the Arabs would welcome any economic or military aid which had no political strings attached.—Reuter.

Landslides Kill 9

Bogota, Jan. 7. At least nine people were reported today to have been killed in landslides in the town of Soroka in the Cauca Department. Several others were reported to have been injured.—United Press.

DOING IT THE CHINESE WAY

Penang, Jan. 7. The newly-elected Chinese Mayor of the city of Georgetown, Penang, which has been the scene of five days of rioting, today urged a hundred Chinese, Malay and Indian villagers to settle their quarrels "in the Chinese way."

Mr Goh explained: "It's something like this. When my son quarrels with your son, it is up to me to scold my son, and up to you to scold yours."

"Both fathers then apologise to each other, shake hands and become good friends again."

"On the other hand, if I maintain that my son is always right and yours is wrong, then a quarrel develops between the elders and spreads among the children."

The villagers applauded the Mayor enthusiastically and assured him they would keep the peace in their area.—Reuter.

New UN Delegate

New York, Jan. 7. Mr Peter Mod, now Hungarian permanent representative to the United Nations, will present his credentials to the Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, tomorrow.—Reuter.

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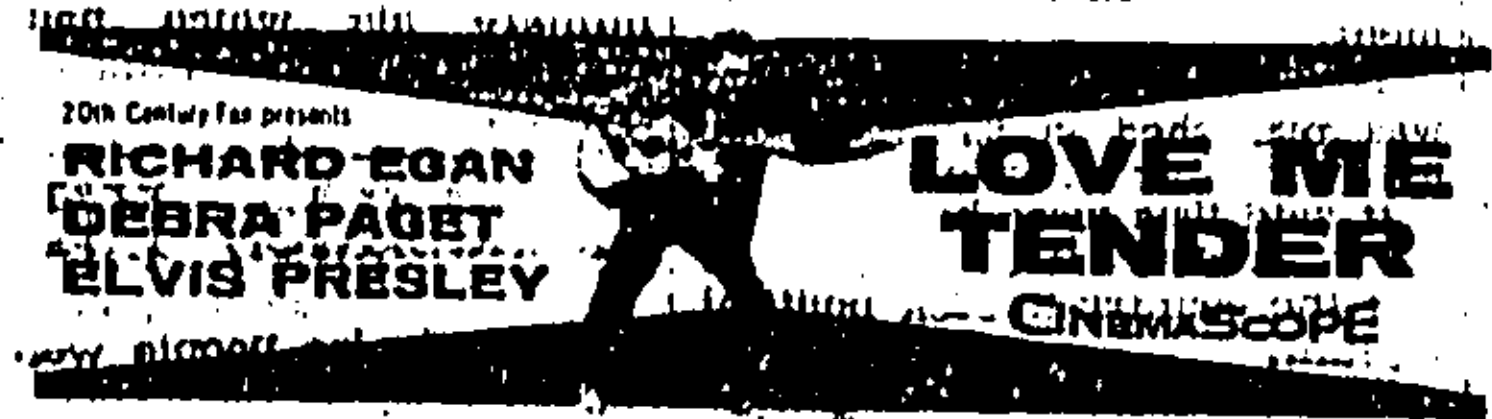
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MALENKOV RIDDLE

Possible New Shift In Leadership

By K. C. THALER

London, Jan. 7.

The public re-emergence on the Soviet political scene of ex-Premier Georgi Malenkov set off speculation today on a new shift of power in the Kremlin's divided leadership.

A middle-of-the-road man, between "Old Guard" Stalinists and "de-Stalinisers", the former premier appeared to be emerging once again as a power in Moscow.

Just what his position is at the moment and what the future holds in store for him is not yet quite clear. But indications have been mounting for some time that Malenkov, heir to Stalin's throne who was ousted two

years ago by Nikita Khrushchev, is returning as a political force to the confused Soviet scene.

Likely Candidate

Malenkov has been mentioned for several weeks past as a likely candidate for a top post in the Kremlin's leadership and as the Kremlin split deepened his name was mentioned more frequently. His reported sudden appearance at Khrushchev's side in Budapest on New Year's day, at one of Moscow's most critical conferences since the war, has lent powerful support to these rumours.

Neither of Malenkov's current assignments as Electric Power Station Minister or deputy premier (ranking after the First Deputy Premiers) would account for his Budapest trip.

Significant

The emergency of Malenkov followed a significant meeting of the Central Committee of the Communist Party in Moscow last month. That meeting was believed to have dealt with the differences between the Old Guard Stalinists, led by former Foreign Minister V.M. Molotov, and the Khrushchev-led "liberalisation" wing.

Nothing was said officially about these differences and their discussion at the Moscow meeting, but it was understood that an uneasy compromise emerged.

Under this compromise, Khrushchev went some way to meet the Old Guard. On New Year's Day he surprised public opinion with a statement in which he said "we are all Stalinists" when it came to fighting the imperialists.

He also conceded—in a strict reversal of his previous outright attack on Stalin—that the former dictator had done a lot of good and that all his successors shared the responsibility for past happenings because they had co-operated with Stalin.

New Rules

Since then Moscow's new rules for Hungary and other satellites have also confirmed the fear of a Soviet return to a tougher policy in East Europe—much in line with the Stalinist tradition.

Diplomatic reports reaching London have suggested that the uneasy compromise which now reigns in the Kremlin has left Khrushchev in his post as Party Secretary. But his powers have been curtailed somewhat, as other members of the powerful Politburo, including the Stalin-worshipping followers, are to have a bigger say in the future.

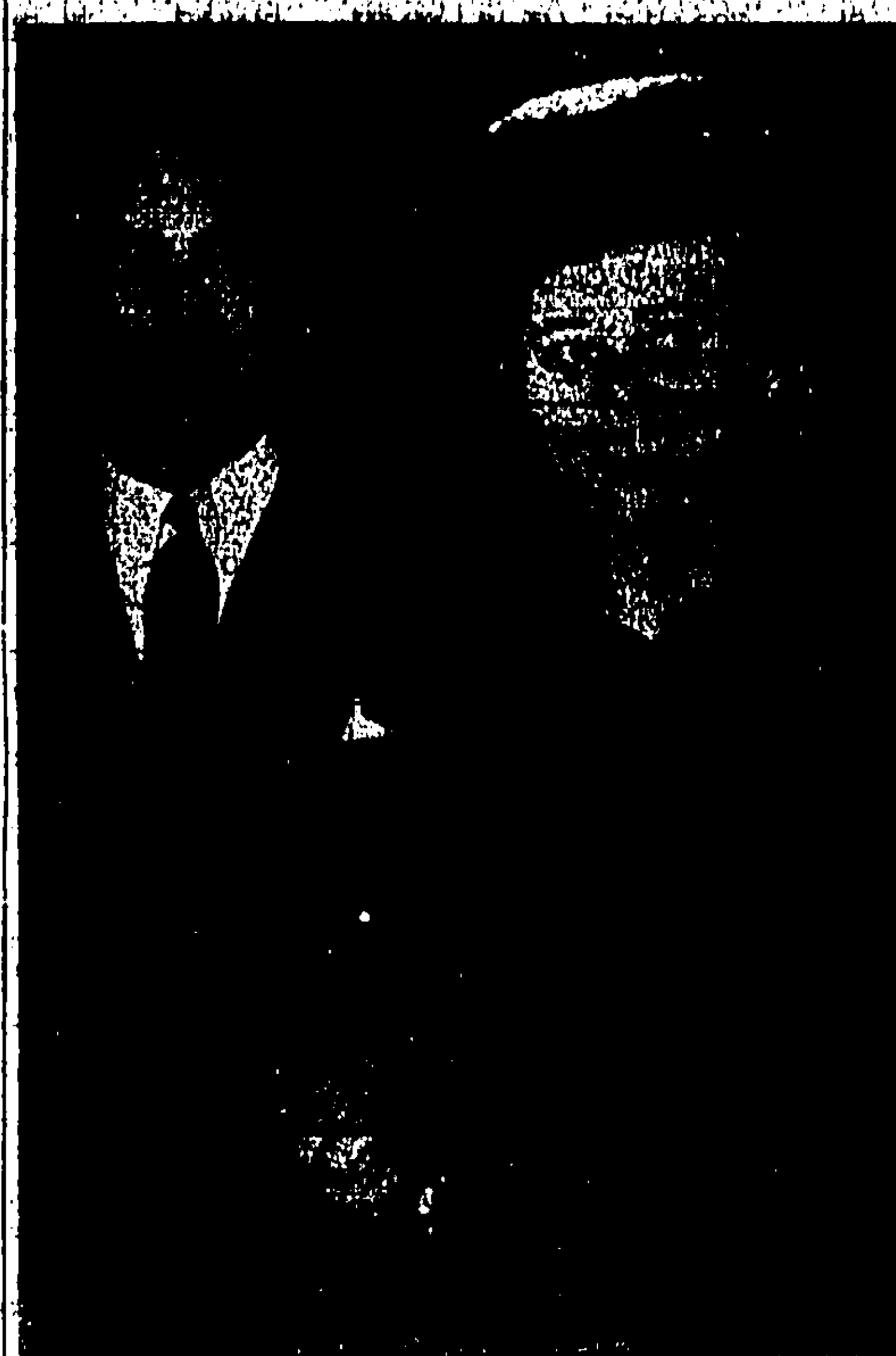
Malenkov, as a seemingly middle-of-the-road man, apparently has consequently risen again to leading position, which might enable him to hold the two warring factions of the Kremlin together.

Acquiesced

Despite their differences, the Kremlin leaders are reported by diplomatic dispatches to have gradually acquiesced in this compromise to maintain the structure of their "collective leadership".

The plan apparently is to get all influential personalities within the Kremlin into collective responsibility, one faction thus keeping an eye all the time on the other.—United Press.

Royal Engagement



The engagement was announced in London between Prince Tomislav of Yugoslavia, 28-year-old brother of ex-King Peter of Yugoslavia, and Princess Margarita of Baden, 24-year-old niece of the Duke of Edinburgh. Princess Margarita is a trained nurse. Prince Tomislav has a fruit farm in Sussex.—Express Photo.

DRUG PRODUCTION

NEW MOVES TO STAMP OUT TRAFFICKING

Geneva, Jan. 7.

The Central Opium Board here today called for intensified moves against drug production centres as the best way to stamp out trafficking and addiction.

In its annual report to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) published today, the Board said the illicit traffic was supplied mainly by drugs from illicit producing centres.

"And it is sufficiently large to meet the demands of millions of addicts throughout the world," the Board added.

Certain Regions

The Board declared that its information seemed to point to "certain regions of the Near, Middle and Far East" as centres of illicit traffic and sources of illicit supplies. It said it would watch with interest the efforts of the governments concerned to combat illicit drug traffic.

Only five countries, the Board said, reported production of heroin (diacetylmorphine)—Britain, Belgium, Portugal, France and Hungary. Consumption of heroin had gone up during 1956 with the increase "most marked" in Britain.

This was "probably because chemists and hospitals had been stocking up in anticipation of the proposed ban on the manufacture of the drug" in Britain.

Negligible

The Board reported that trade in heroin, formerly substantial, was now confined to negligible quantities. Britain, Holland, Belgium, France and West Germany exported only 2.5 kilos (about 5.5 pounds) between them in 1955. Wholesalers and government stocks have fallen.

"This reduction may be attributed to the fact that some of the countries which have prohibited the manufacture and importation of diacetylmorphine (heroin) are none the less allowing it to be consumed until their stocks are exhausted," the Board said.

World illicit production of opium in 1955 was about 820 tons, compared with 793 tons in 1954 and 1,295 tons in 1953.

Banned

Four countries—India, Turkey, Russia and Persia—produce almost all the opium used in the world. But Persia has now banned opium-poppy cultivation. The five other smaller producers are Afghanistan, Yugoslavia, Pakistan, Japan and Bulgaria.—Reuters.

Ban On Flights Over Moluccas

The Hague, Jan. 7. The Indonesian air force has forbidden foreign planes to fly over the Moluccas Archipelago between Dutch New Guinea and Celebes, "to prevent air droppings of arms and ammunition," according to a message from Djakarta.

The message quoted the Indonesia news agency Antara as saying that similar bans had been imposed over West Java, South Celebes and Acheen, the northern-most part of Sumatra.—Reuters.



Georgi Malenkov

Sweden Has Alcoholic Problem

Stockholm, Jan. 7.

A Swedish Government committee has recommended that inveterate alcoholics should no longer have the right to buy spirits.

Lists of such people would be drawn up by the Anti-Alcoholic League and handed to shops. Papers proving their right to purchase spirits might be sought from would-be purchasers.

The committee proposed that the minimum age of buyers should be raised from 18 to 21. Incidents of minor alcoholics and persons already under the influence of spirits would be liable to penalties.

BEER AND WINE

On the other hand, under the committee's recommendations the sale of wine and beer would be favoured.

Shops reserved for the sale of these beverages would be opened and more freedom would be given to restaurants to sell them.

Since the free sale of spirits was allowed in Sweden, alcoholism has more than doubled.—France-Press.

Envoy Outlines Eisenhower Doctrine

London, Jan. 7.

Mr Winthrop Aldrich, United States Ambassador to Britain, conferred here today with Mr Selwyn Lloyd, British Foreign Secretary, on the "Eisenhower doctrine" for the Middle East.

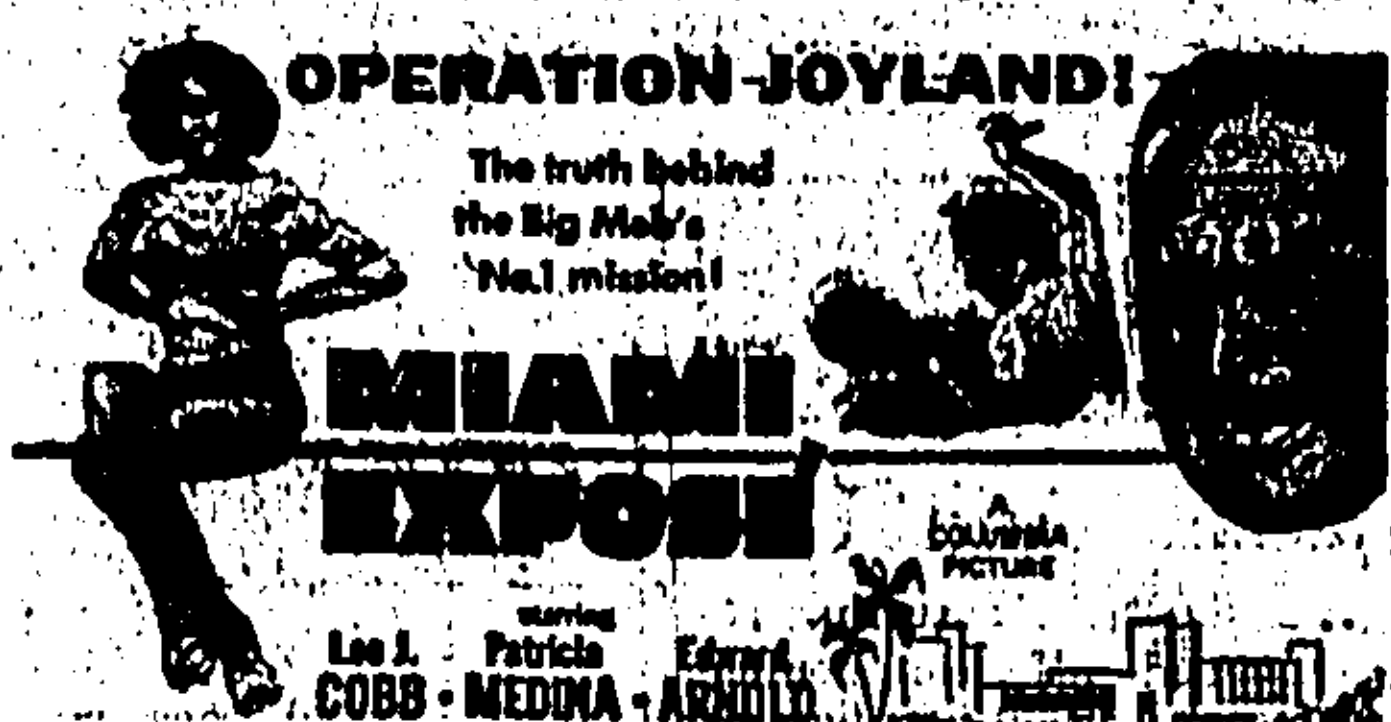
An informed source said the envoy, who called at his own request, outlined the major points in the President's message to Congress.

British officials have welcomed the United States Government's move as evidence that American resources will be put behind the security and development of Middle East nations.

But the Foreign Office spokesman of his press conference today declined formal comment since the question was before the United States Congress.

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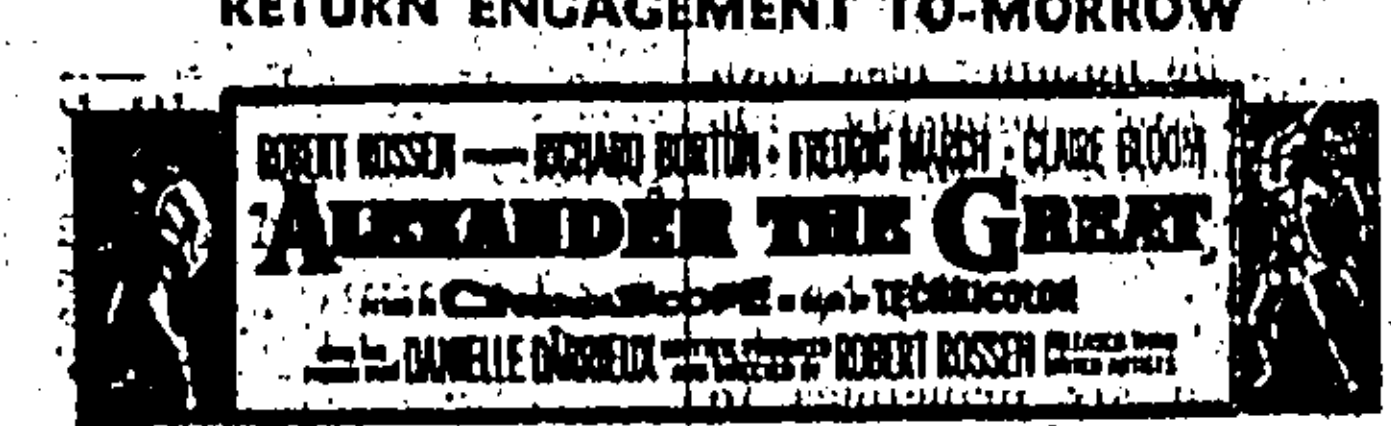
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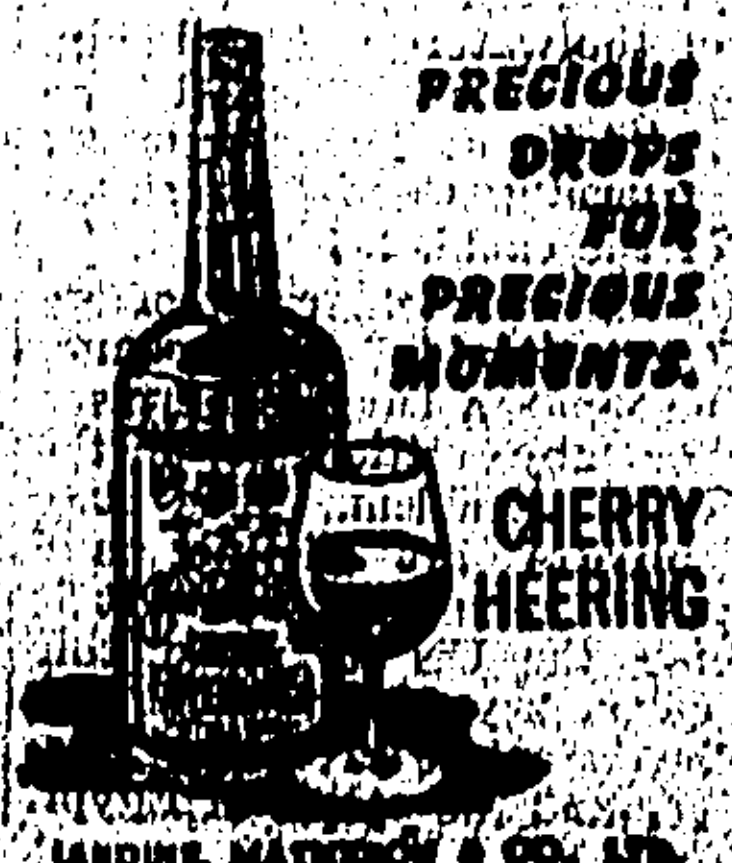
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BILL FOR THE SUEZ SETBACK

By FREDERICK ELLIS

THE Suez debacle now moves out of the hot air of the political arena into the jungle of hard economic facts.

The bill for the setback in the Egyptian sands starts to roll in. And immediately Britain is forced to draw on its last-ditch reserves—and that ditch is no canal.

Bravely, we attempted to retain some degree of control over the Canal to secure our economic lifeline.

We have lost the Canal, we have lost the even more vital oil, and truly our real economic lifeline is threatened, and now we face an interim budget.

Before the Suez crisis Britain faced economic dangers. Now Mr Harold Macmillan takes drastic actions.

Industry was imperilled by a fuel oil famine. Now America throws out a lifeline—and Whitehall grabs it.

But whatever happens now the cost of transporting everything we buy must go up—for there is "packaged" transport in everything we buy on High Street.

Take Mr Everyman of London. His bus bosses admit that the new oil imports will cost them £2,000,000 a year. Well, kiss goodbye the 2½d fare—for ever.

Already Mr Macmillan sounds the warning of higher income tax in his April Budget.

And deep down in the economic jungle stands the £ sterling, nestled abroad by the international currency speculator.

We sure the cost of all this will be felt by every one of us.

THE LOAN

Then there is the American Loan, on which Mr Macmillan seeks to waive paying interest. The Socialists in December 1945 borrowed £930 million from the Americans. We "blued" it on extravagant living, food, films, and fags.

Until December 31, 2000, we pay back the interest and capital on this Socialist folly.

Now we go cap in hand to the Americans asking them to allow us to forgo the interest payment of £37,100,000 in dollars.

Part of this sum is due to the Canadians, who will follow a Washington lead to allow Britain to pass up the moneylenders' account.

THEIR HOUR

And now, which people in Britain can do most to help the country out of its plight?

No doubt about that: the miners.

Aneurin Bevan once said it would take an organising genius to produce a shortage of coal and fish at the same time. Well, we face a shortage of fuel—food remains to be seen.

Coal stocks are relatively high. Production struggling. Dollar imports soaring.

This is the miners' finest hour, as it was once the nation's. The nation did not fail us. The miners are now on test. Every extra million tons they produce will indeed be black gold.

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THE QUESTION IS—ARE WE TO CONTINUE TOLERATING DULL SPORT?

Asks DENNIS HART

So you've broken those New Year resolutions? Well, here's another one. It's for you, the sports fan. It is this: In 1957 I resolve to put less emphasis on the result.

"The game's the thing, chaps" and "The important thing is not winning but taking part" may sound corny in these days of state-aided, super-publicised gladiators. And it offers little consolation to the fan whose team, trying to uphold amateur tradition, is swamped by a side whose aim is victory at any price.

But it is not a question of amateurs and professionals, but of attractive and dull sport. This is the burning question of the hour and one which affects everyone in sport—spectators, players, officials and promoters.

For 1957 dawned as crisis year for sport. Football gates have slumped to a level which threatens the existence of Britain's whole League system; table tennis is in danger of being spangled off the world sports map by equipment which is ruining the game as a sport and a spectator; and from South Africa we read of the distressing fare served up to Test crowds in the name of cricket.

And it all comes back to this business of winning. Soccer in Britain has taken a tumble because it is not attractive

enough to compete with all the other amusements that the Twentieth Century has to offer.

MILL MIXTURE

A fine afternoon and the prospect of a particularly exciting match will draw the crowds. But if the weather is dull and drizzle after lunch on Saturday and the local team is playing just a run of the mill fixture, then the fan will more likely put on his favourite slippers and settle back for an afternoon with the television.

For in the all-out battle for League points soccer has lost many skills on the way.

And, remember, the main reason clubs go all out for points is because the fans prefer to support a winning team, and are often not too fussy how they win.

And this sponge bat business in table tennis. It's almost as absurd as the schoolboy cricket story where the dashing fourth form hero gets hold of a magnificent bat which guarantees him a century every innings.

Take two players of about equal ability, give one a sponge bat and the other an orthodox one and the "sponger" can't help winning.

And he'll produce "the most uninspired table tennis to do it. But he won't worry. He's won. And if it is an important match, that is all his supporters will worry about.

THE SLOWER SIDE

So to cricket, which has inspired more poetry and idyllic writing than any other game.

But a game which, as England and South Africa engage in the unofficial 'championship of the world', has caused the most famous cricket writer of the day to publicly wish that defeat should go to the slower side.

One's sympathies go out to spectators who have had to watch batsmen tediously defending hour after hour against negative bowling and a negative field.

The game becomes a business in which the biggest crime for the bowler is to concede a run and the biggest crime for the batsman is to lose his wicket.

But, just a minute. Should we be sorry for spectators? Why is cricket so boring? Because the object of the exercise has become winning, and that alone. And this is by no means the complete fault of the players. They have become infected by the present day demand for results.

When England came back the Ashes in 1955, for example, the feat was hailed as the best thing that could have happened to cricket after Australia's long monopoly.

The fact that England won mainly through negative cricket was not regarded as of any importance.

England won, and everybody cheered. And if South Africa should win this series you'll find the spectators will forget the tedium they have had to endure and will greet their side as national heroes.

Now I've nothing against winning. Any sportsman who goes on to the field of play with the attitude, "Well, if I don't win, someone else will," is not a true sportsman. It should be the object of every competitor to win, but only by keeping to the spirit of the game.

That's where supporters can play their part, a vital part. Encourage all that is best in sport. Forget this win at any price stuff.

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Kramer Accused Of Trying To Smash Amateur Lawn Tennis

Melbourne, Jan. 7. Australian Lawn Tennis Association President Mr. D. M. Ferguson made a bitter attack on U.S. professional promoter Jack Kramer at a stormy meeting of the Association here today.

He accused Kramer of trying to smash amateur lawn tennis and opposed the letting of the Kooyong stadium for the professional debut of Australian "star" Ken Rosewall against Pancho Gonzalez on January 14 and 15.

However, despite Mr. Ferguson's stand, an emergency meeting of the Association's Council approved the hiring of the stadium by seven votes to five. —France-Press.

MANAGER DIES

Sydney, Jan. 7. Mr. Jack Burge, who was manager of the Australian cricket team which toured the West Indies in 1955, died today in Brisbane. He had been ill recently. —China Mail Special.

World Title Fight

Buenos Aires, Jan. 7. Pascual Perez, (Argentina) the World Flyweight Champion, will defend his title against Memo Diaz (Mexico) here on Jan. 30. —Reuters.

19 WINNERS



Yorkshire-born jockey Raymond A. Carter, 26, who took to riding under National Hunt rules when he became too heavy for the 'flat' and has had 19 winners — seven last season. Since he came out of the Army six years ago, Carter has been riding for A. M. Kerr, the Dorking (Surrey) trainer. He was apprenticed to G. Digby at Newmarket, had his first winner — Knight's Gambit — at Hurst Park in 1952. —Reuterphoto.

THE COMING RUGGER TOUR

Yawata Ironworks Rugby Team Play The 'Rush And Whip' It Back To The 'Threes' Game

By "PAK LO"

The Japanese Touring XV will consist, as you are probably aware if you have been reading this column, of the Yawata Iron and Steel Company's Rugby XV and a short history of the team and details of some of the players may be of interest to local rugby fans. Especially those under special training for their matches against the Japanese XV.

The Yawata XV was originally organised away back in 1927 by a Mr. Yukawa who is now the Managing Director of the firm. Who says it doesn't pay to play rugger? He is also the Vice-Chairman of both the Japan Rugby Football Association and the Kyushu Rugby Association.

The team itself started as do most teams without any official connection, but by 1933 had become so well known in local tournaments that the Yawata Steel Company officially adopted the XV.

The XV never looked back from that moment and went from strength to strength until the War. After the War the XV was again reorganised in the spring of 1946 and though they did well were pipped on the post to the Championship by the Moji Railway Operating Division's XV in both 1946 and 1947.

In 1948 they just missed the Championship again, this time coming second to the Mitsui Chemical Company's Rugby XV, but they then made up for it and took the Championship from 1950 to 1955 except in 1953 when they again just failed. They will be participating in this year's Championship.

They have also throughout their tenure played against the winners of the Inter-College Rugby Tournament, the Doshisha University, and each time they have trounced them well and truly.

The captain of the XV is H. Sano, a forward who has played against the Oxford, Cambridge and New Zealand teams as a member of the All-Kyushu XV. Others who also took part in these matches as members of the All-Kyushu are Y. Noniyama (wing three-quarter), S. Nakajima (forward), M. Sonoda (forward) and H. Matsuo (forward).

Another four of the XV took part against the Oxford, Cambridge and New Zealand XV's as members of the All-Japan side. They are T. Tsuchiya (forward), Y. Yamazaki (forward), K. Miyaki (wing three-quarter), and H. Sato (full back).

Other members of the team are T. Uchimura (forward), K. Kondo (half), and N. Ogo (half).

HEXANGULAR BREAKDOWN

Someone the other day asked just how, in the local Hexangular Tournament, his side had got to the top of the table as regards goals, tries etc, so here is a table showing a breakdown of the results.

	G.	P.G.	D.G.	T.	Total	G.	P.G.	D.G.	T.	Total
Navy	4	6	0	7	59	0	3	0	3	18
Club	4	2	0	10	80	2	4	1	1	28
Army	5	6	0	5	89	2	3	0	6	37
RAF	1	0	0	12	74	4	3	0	6	47
RAF	5	4	0	2	43	5	4	0	7	58
Police	0	2	0	3	18	15	2	0	19	138

From the above it will be seen that of the total of 72 tries scored only 28 were converted or about an average of just over 40 per cent.

This shows without doubt that most XV's in the Colony are still desperately in need of good place kickers. Unluckily the number of penalties converted in comparison to the number awarded is not available but at a guess I should put the average very much lower than 40 per cent.

Weightlifting Craze Is The Latest With Home Football Clubs

Says ARCHIE QUICK

The latest craze among Clubs is weightlifting for fitness — although craze is hardly the right word, so seriously are some of them taking it.

John Bond, the West Ham full-back who broke a leg during the Football Association tour of South Africa last summer, tells me he attributes his return to complete fitness to weightlifting exercises.

"I'm raising the weight of my body over my head ten times in quick succession and my knee feels no effect," he said. "I got through all the bending movements and agility tests but I was still struggling with 50 pounds or so when I began. I don't think I should be playing if it weren't for weightlifting."

West Ham manager, Mr. Ted Fenton, places much reliance on weightlifting and has appointed as trainer in this field Mr. Bill Watson who was in Great Britain's Olympic team in 1948. Mr. Watson also applies similar exercises to Arsenal's Bright Young Boys to obtain added strength, agility, balance, body-building, flexibility and quick reflexes. "Body-balance" is all-important to a footballer," he told me "and so, of course, is strength of leg. When West Ham and Arsenal go through my agility circuit they've had the equivalent of Commando training. Both Clubs say they're all the better for it and

results have proved that. There are no two fitter teams in the country, and the Amateur Athletic Association are also going to adopt my ideas for field and track — men and women."

FALLING GATES

Mr. Fenton has this to say of falling "gates". "If you play attractive football, fans will turn up. Soccer is not losing its appeal. We are not particularly well placed in the table but our gates are up on last season and so are Leyton's — just down the road. The trouble is Clubs are playing slapdash football and people will not pay to watch them any more than they would to watch a poor stage show."

Mr. Fenton's view is that Leicester City are a certainty for promotion, but that the second place to Division One is wide open. He feels that any one of a dozen teams could "make it". West Ham included. "That weightlifting will begin to show its benefit as the grounds get heavier and the season gets longer. My boys are fit to last it out until April, but I doubt if some of the other sides are. Such a struggle though does not mean for good play. There is too much at stake and sides become defensive."

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\$72,835 Income From Golf

New York, Jan. 7. U.S. professional golfer Ted Kroll headed the United States professional tour 1956 with prize money totaling \$72,835 from tournaments won during the year, it was reported tonight.

Next in line were D. Finsterwald with \$29,513 and Dr. Cary Middlecott with \$27,882. —France-Press.

Football Decision

London, Jan. 7. The British Football Players' Union has decided not to oppose the enlistment of Hungarian footballers into British teams on the condition they submit to the same conditions as British footballers. It was learned here today. —France-Press.

Lights, Please! Fans Want To See Us Play

By BILLY WRIGHT

A big hand for the big clubs such as Spurs, Birmingham, Wolves, and others who appreciate that Soccer fans want QUALITY not QUANTITY when it comes to mid-week floodlight Soccer.

On December 3 evening more than 40,000 saw a wonderful match between Birmingham and Zagreb. The same evening Spurs had nearly 32,000 for their game with Red Banner.

My club's policy has always been to stage only matches against crack foreign teams. And they are right. Football fans—if they are to have an extra mid-week game—want a novelty.

A match against a club they can see on a Saturday rarely attracts the cash customers.

YES, IT PAYS

Saturday afternoon League football under floodlights has come to stay. And I am convinced that but for petrol rationing this would have increased aggregate attendances compared with a similar period last year.

Many clubs have experimented, beginning matches later during the short days, ending them under lights. All have reported it a paying proposition.

Now I notice some officials have been complaining about switching on floodlights during a match. They consider it can upset players... but I do not share this view.

England's Rugby Union Team To Meet Wales

London, Jan. 7. England's Rugby Union team to meet Wales at Cardiff on January 19 includes only one new cap. He is R. V. Bartlett, the Harlequin's flyhalf.

The team, which virtually picked itself after three trials, includes eleven of the England side who took part in the international last season.

Teams: D. E. Allison (Coventry), P. B. Jackson (Coventry), J. Butterfield (Northampton), L. B. Cannell (St Mary's Hospital), P. H. Thompson (Headingly), P. M. Bratlett (Harlequins), R. E. G. Jeeps (Northampton), C. R. Jacobs (Northampton), E. Evans (Captain) (Sale), G. W. Hastings (Gloucester), J. D. Currie (Oxford University), R. W. D. Marques (Cambridge University and Harlequins), P. G. D. Robbins (Oxford University and Coventry), A. Ashcroft (Worcester), R. Higgins (Liverpool). —China Mail Special.

It has been a happy week for me, being with all my England colleagues at the pre-match practice games and pow-wows. Team spirit, so essential for success, is first developed off the field. That is what we aim to do in these pre-match meetings. Tactical schemes can also be carefully discussed and planned.

I recall before a game with Austria, Alf Ramsey and Nat Lofthouse working for hours perfecting a free-kick move. A lift was to place the ball at a specific point—Not run on to it and head for goal. During the match we tried out the move. It brought a goal.

WHAT A PUNCH!

Ted Ditchburn, of Spurs, has one of the hardest punches I have ever seen—as you would expect from a former schoolboy boxing champion.

When we played in the Argentine every newspaper commented on our goalkeeper's punch.

There was something new to the South American. Like Continentalers, they never touch the goalkeeper, and he naturally never has to punch the ball clear. He can gather it without fear of being shouldered-charged.

Ted's remarkably fine form this season reminds me how well my old friend Jimmy Dickinson, of Portsmouth, has been playing. For years, Jim and I have shared a room when on tour, and during international training at home.

What a tremendous fellow he is for physical development. At reckons tennis has helped him keep in such splendid trim.

This, plus the hard work Jim puts in with the building firm of which he is now a partner. Jim's job is to travel around the various sites, keeping a tag of progress.

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Open Mile Race At REME Sports

The Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (Hongkong) Annual Athletic Meeting is due to take place on Wednesday, 9 February, 9, Boundary Street, Athletic Stadium, Kowloon. The meeting commences at 2.15 p.m.

An "Open Mile" race will be run at approximately 15.00 hours, and entries are invited from all comers. Persons desiring to run in this event should submit their names to REME Branch, HQ Land Force, Hongkong.

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By BOB FERRIER

Singapore, Jan. 7.
Two Singapore lawn tennis players, Ong Chew-bee and Khong Kit-soon, will leave for Bangkok on January 27 to take part in the Thailand Champion ships on January 23 to 31, it was announced today.—Reuter.

By HENRY LONGHURST

At golf you do have one indisputable advantage. You may slice it out of bounds over the railway line and be very angry indeed, but at least you can see where the dam' thing went. If you know you are slicing at least you can lay on such anti-slice precautions as you may be aware of next time.

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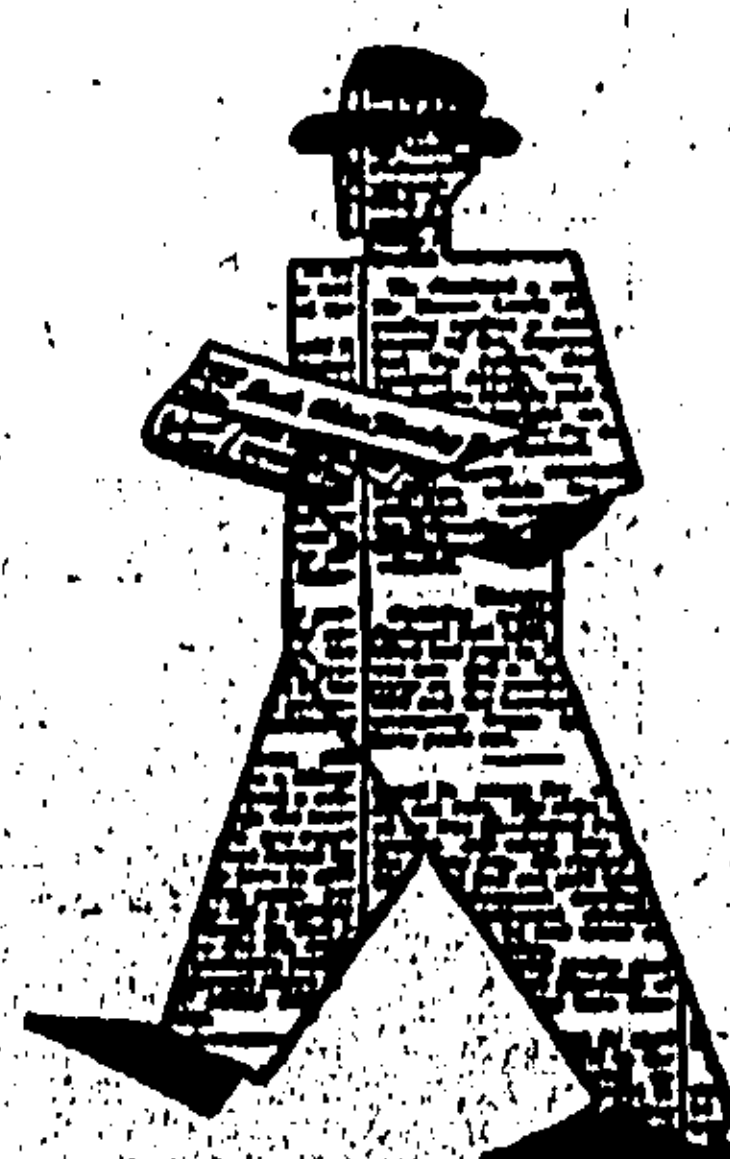
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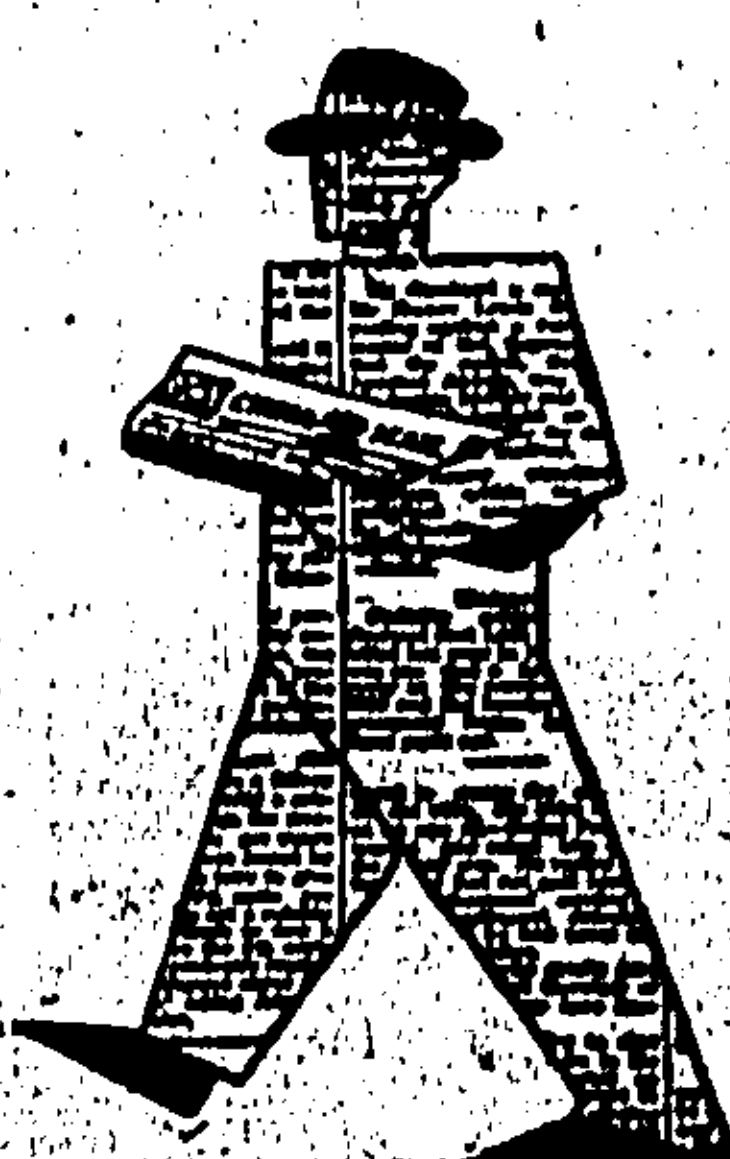
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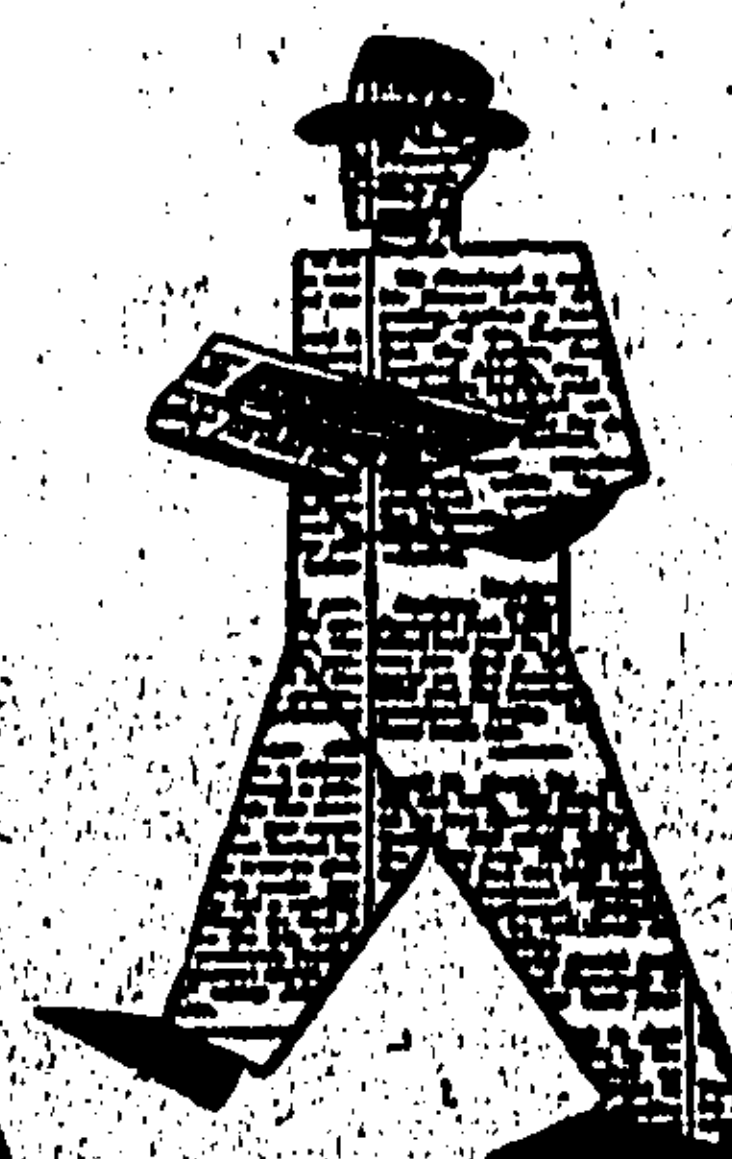
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sterling notes (per £1)	18
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